

Course Content

The course will comprise five weekly sessions of 75 minutes each, consisting of lectures illustrated with PowerPoint slides, with time reserved at the end of each session for questions and open discussion. Before each session, suggested background readings will be sent by email to registered students.

This will be a hybrid course. The Virtual Assistant (VA) will curate questions and comments by online students employing the Chat function, grouping them by topic so the instructors can address them as a bloc during the open discussion period. The VA will also prepare recordings of the class sessions; the instructor will send a link to the class recording to accompany the background readings that are emailed to students between sessions.

The overall progression of the course will be as follows:

Session One - Recent Developments and Near-Term Outlook

Session Two - China's Military Transformation and Strategic Priorities

Session Three - The Geo-Strategic Challenge

Session Four - The Economic and Technological Challenge

Session Five - Longer-Term Prospects: A "New Cold War"?